



**ONAC – Ayahuasca Healings Church  
Public Announcement  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Blessings to All,

The Ayahuasca Healings Family has a very important public announcement to make.

After careful consideration and in-depth discussions, our church representative counsel and board of members have come to the following unanimous decision. All of us strongly feel this is the best decision we can possibly make at this stage of our journey, to preserve the full effect, health, vitality and success of our mission and vision here together, for now and for the future.

Ayahuasca Healings Native American Church (AHNAC) will be going on a temporary hiatus and will therefore not be conducting ceremonies or holding retreats for a limited period of time. We cannot say for sure how long it will be, but we are confident that it will be brief.

The purpose of this pause in our operations is to illustrate our respect for and to take the necessary time to come into full alignment with the current governmental system and procedures that already exist and are in place. This is so that we can show our full open willingness to comply and be in complete balance with this system, and its petition processing requirements.

Our overall intention is to show that our church is entitled to the full protections granted by the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, or RFRA. As a result, we are presently working with the government to ensure that there is mutual trust and understanding between us. We firmly believe that to effectively propagate our faith and create the changes that are so vital to humanity's present and future, we must work with the government in balance and harmony, not against it, whilst standing true to our beliefs and religious freedom of expression at the same time.

We are sincere in our desire to act within the confines of the law, and we have realized that in order to do so, we must make sure that the government and its agencies are in agreement with our religious practices, which, through the current communication channels already open with them, they appear to be.

Although AHNAC has repeatedly faced criticism from detractors who believe that our interpretation of the law as it currently stands is mistaken, we are 100% confident that what we are doing here is 100% legal.

Moreover, we have absolute faith that what we are doing is perfectly in keeping with our basic and foundational human rights and liberties as provided by, among other sources: the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence; the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment; the Due Process Clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments; and the Natural and Spiritual Laws as set forth by the Creator.

To be clear, there have not been—nor do we anticipate—any arrests, indictments, or seizures of persons or property. In fact, to our knowledge, we have not even encountered any law enforcement agents. These are discussions only; there has been no threat of force or prosecution.

We fully expect that AHNAC will receive the government's blessing in the form of an official recognition that AHNAC qualifies for exemption under the RFRA. We also feel confident that we will receive that blessing in a matter of weeks, whereupon we will resume holding the ceremonies and retreats that are so vital to our faith and our work here together.

Until then, we will continue to serve our community and our family, by dedicating our time and energy towards creating a selection of alternative and complimentary transformational services and programs that do not rely on the use of sacred plant medicines as religious sacraments to be effective in our healing, growth and heart-opening journey back to Oneness.

Although we deeply believe that the use of plant medicines is one of the fastest and most effective paths of healing back to wholeness, love, and acceptance with oneself, we advocate that it is certainly not the only way. We are excited to support our community in profound new ways during the interim and in-between time period existing now whilst AHNAC is receiving its authorized exemption.

For those who have previously contributed to AHNAC and are registered for one of our Church's future Ayahuasca Healing Retreats: we will be in close communication with you to reschedule your retreat date, and to help resolve any inconveniences that may be experienced through receiving this public announcement.

Thank you very much for your kind understanding and unconditional on-going support, as we do everything we can to operate within the rules of the judicial

system to compliment and bring a healthy and essential balance to the already strong and nourished protective relationship that we have in place with our Oklevueha Native American Mother Church.

We appreciate every step of the journey with you, and with love, we ask for your prayers and positive intentions, particularly during this time, so that we receive our exemption promptly and can continue to provide the service of healing and depth of transformation that we came here to bring, serve and offer to America and the World.

With Infinite Love, Always,

*The Ayahuasca Healings Family*